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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF THE SHIP DON EMILIO

1. ON DECEMBER 13 WE AND THE PANAMANIAN EXCHANGED NOTES WHICH TURNED THE DON EMILIO OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA. PANAMA'S NOTE COMMITTED THE GOP TO REMOVE THE VESSEL FROM THE MIAMI BEACH COAST GUARD STATION NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 14. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE VESSEL WAS MOVED ON DECEMBER 15.

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2. PLEASE DELIVER A THIRD-PARTY NOTE TO THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

3. BEGIN QUOTE COMPLIMENTARY OPENING. ON DECEMBER 13, 1976, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TURNED THE VESSEL DON EMILIO, A SHIP REGISTERED IN PANAMA, OVER

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IX  
OF THE TREATY OF MAY 25, 1904, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE EX-  
TRADITION OF CRIMINALS AND WHICH IS NOW IN FORCE BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

4. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED TO HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA IN THE EN-

FORCEMENT OF ITS LAWS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS.  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIEWS THE CASE OF THE  
DON EMILIO AS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE RE-  
PUBLIC OF PANAMA IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL,  
AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SIMILAR CLOSE COOPERATION IN THE  
FUTURE. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. END QUOTE

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